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The Indiana Marriage Law

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[Christina Advocate, C. M. R. Church.]

It is about time that such laws, which stand on some of the statute books of some of the states as monuments of a barbarous, survival of a lower type of civilization, were stricken out. It is as unjust in the sight of God, who of one blood hath created all the nations that dwell on the earth, to brand the poor colored man's choice in matrimony as a crime, as it would be to so treat any other marriage in what we are pleased to call society. God has no society standards. Manhood and the purchase of the Redeemer's blood are his standards. Because we do not choose to marry a colored woman, is no reason why these people cannot disregard the color line, if that suits their taste. Let us hope that this is the last prosecution under that old law. Repeat it.

The Silliest Idea
[From the Colored Citizen, Topeka Kas.]

The idea that the Southern colored man can't stand the climate of the Northern States, is the silliest one we have ever heard of. Before slavery was abolished one that could make his way to Canada, flourished and fattened, and just why they could stand more cold then than now is beyond our comprehension. A colored man with proper food and clothing can stand the climate of Greenland better than he can stand that of Africa.

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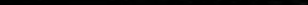
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J. W. CROMWELL, Editor and Proprietor

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We call the attention of our readers to the official proceedings of the NATIONAL CONFERENCE now out. As there will be quite a demand for them from all parts of the country, we would urge upon all the importance of sending in their orders with the cash at once. The first to come will be served first. Cash must accompany the orders. The pamphlets are twenty-five cents each or twenty-five copies for \$5.00.

One of our sincerest regrets is that we cannot be at the Oakland Riding Park today enjoying the hospitalities of the American Club of New Orleans, J. D. Kennedy, of the *Louisianian*, President.

It is remarkable that whenever such scenes are introduced in Congress as that in the Senate Wednesday night, it is a Southerner who first sets the example. To characterize them as "an exhibition of plantation manners" is therefore, not very far out of the way.

The people of Baltimore followed the suggestions of the *ADVOCATE* and held a Garrison Memorial Meeting Thursday night on the occasion of Our National Holiday.

The veritable *ridiculus mus* of which Horace wrote has been exhumed and an effort at galvanization exhibits characteristic tendencies in Forney's *Chronicle* of June 8th. *De mortuis nisi bonum.*

The long suspense in the case of Minister Langston was indeed painful; but as Marshal Douglass said, "no news was good news." The telegram in our columns will cause rejoicing in many a family circle and in many a community.

In Alabama the people seem to be following in the leadership of the Conference as to the National Celebration.

Thursday they had a grand gathering at Huntsville at which Rev. W. H. Ash, Peter Crenshaw, J. H. Thomasson, H. C. Binford and Hon. James T. Rapier were the favorite orators.

In order to explain why June 19th was the day selected we quote from the circular before us:

"On the 19th of June '65 the bonds of the enslaved in Texas were shattered and broken, the last which held any of our race, by national authority; after then there was not a slave by law, beneath the Stars and Stripes."

The following will interest our readers far and wide:

DEPT. OF STATE.

Washington, D. C., June 18, '79.

MY DEAR MADAM:

I am just in receipt of a telegram from the American Consul at Kingston which I hasten to communicate to you conveying the gratifying intelligence that your husband is improving. This information appears to have been sent so late as the 17th from Port au Prince.

Yours very truly,

F. W. SEWARD.

To Mrs. J. M. LANGSTON.

We have just received a Catalogue of the Wilberforce University for the scholastic year 1878-79. During the year just closed there were in the collegiate department fifteen students, eleven of whom were in the scientific course; five in the normal department; five in the theological; seventeen in the academic; three in select studies; one hundred and six in the sub-academic, and seven in the music department; in all one hundred and fifty different pupils. As our readers are doubtless aware, this institution is the leading educational institution of the A. M. E. Church and the only University in the country (for it is a University) owned and controlled by colored people. Of the exercises this year we note the following:

June 14, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, President B. F. Lee, B. D.

June 15, 7.30 p. m.—Annual Sermon, Rev. J. T. Jenifer, B. D.

June 17, 7.30 p. m.—Lecture before Societies, Rev. G. C. Booth, B. D.

June 18, 7.30 p. m.—Annual contest for prizes.

June 19, 10 a. m.—Commencement.

June 19, 3 to 4 p. m.—Alumni Reunion.

OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND CELEBRATIONS.

The colored people of Maury county, Tennessee celebrated, Thursday last, the day set apart as a National holiday by the National Conference. Judging from the circular sent us the meeting was one of profit. The following topics were discussed by the following gentlemen: Necessity of Education, by J. H. Kelly; Reading reports from Nashville Conference, by A. F. A. Polk; Unity of the Race, by Rev. D. Gibbs; Emigration from a practical stand point, by Rev. B. Friereson; High Grade of education, by Dr. J. C. Halfacre; Practical Thoughts, by W. A. McKissack. One of the objects aimed at by the exercises of the day is the creation of a fund with which to erect a substantial school edifice.

OUR YOUNG GRADUATES.

Another scholastic year has closed. Scores of young men and women of our race all over the country having completed the course of instruction at various institutions of learning, have received their diplomas and now go forth into active life. For years they have patiently and eagerly looked forward to this movement with gladness; but with its appearance there are misgivings, gloomy forebodings, sincere regrets; not joy and gladness alone. The past academic life has been one in which castle-building upon ideal foundations has largely occupied their moments, and with their fancy they have marked out their future career in the realm of mind, in the domain of art, in the quiet, subtle, but potent sphere of teacher and instructor, or in the busy scenes of life as leaders in every good and laudable undertaking for the elevation of mankind. But graduation day changes all this. They have merited prompt applause for the utterance of every noble, patriotic or brilliant sentiment; for the eloquence of their orations, the beauty of their essays, and the easy style of delivery; their scholarship has been tested, prizes awarded, and diplomas been presented; baccalaureates have been listened to with earnest attention, valedictories delivered, and the parting hand extended as the echoes of the class-rooms have died away. Then vanishes the ideal now comes the real. At first there is disappointment, fond hopes are dispelled, plans of life are disconcerted, high and noble purposes thwarted and shipwreck threatened; yet, if there be high purpose, a firm resolve, and a dauntless spirit it will readily accommodate itself to the real, and step by step lead onward and upward through obstacles greater and more complicated than imagination ever conceived—to the heights of success.

To the colored graduate, paradox as it may seem, there is a rich future in store. Blocked up as many avenues to preferment and ambition may be by reasons of prejudices not yet dead, opportunities for usefulness to the race and mankind never were greater. There never was a time when the colored man and woman of ability, integrity and perseverance could find so many ways in which to minister to the intellectual, spiritual and physical needs of the race. To such hearty welcomes will every where be extended. To such the road to eminence, to honor, to greatness is as certain as that through which the illustrious of the past made their way.

The days of slavery have been numbered. No more will there be need or opportunity to develop Douglasses, Garnetts and S. R. Wards, men, who in a limited and circumscribed sphere reached the acme of success. Yet, opportunities for a broader and more symmetrical development, a more potent leadership, a more generally recognized influence; not on their race alone, but on that of the country, await the young men of our times, who with the new learning and culture freed from the manacles which bound the Negro of the past to narrow aspirations—will seize and weld them into a lever upon which to place the labor and energies of a life consecrated to the highest endeavor.

In the learned professions, in art, in the mechanical avocations, in the industries of the country, there is need and there is room for the worthy. Now as in the past, there is no royal road to success, the path is encumbered with all manner of obstacles, but to those who mean to endure to the end, to men and women of grit these will yield to persistent effort and disappear as mist before the beams of the sun.

Graduates: such of you as possess this spirit, we bid "Go, do, and prosper." As said Daniel Webster, "D. C. may make you use."

parliament you have received, cannot; it is only the type of that higher, more enduring certificate which mankind awards the faithful, the persevering and the worthy.

Your alma mater does not give you a passport to the temple of honor. You may leave Princeton, Harvard, or Yale and yet be eclipsed in life by an alumnus of Lincoln, Wilberforce, Fisk or even Hampton. But in honoring yourself you honor your alma mater. Howard, Straight, Miner or Storer looks after you with solicitude. Your High Schools watch your career. "Act well your part" and success is sure.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

The excursion of the Sunday school of St. Mary's Chapel to Annapolis on Monday last, was one of the most enjoyable and, it will not be exaggeration to say that it was, the most select entertainment of the kind that has ever left the city. In the first place, the committee secured one of our finest steamers, the *Matilda*, noted for its speed, safety, comfort and cleanliness. We left at 9 o'clock with about four hundred on board, the school accompanied by Johnson's Monumental Band of fourteen pieces.

The fresh air of the Bay was in marked contrast to the sultry atmosphere of the warm city. We reached "the ancient city" of Annapolis at 12 o'clock. After disembarking, we were met by quite a party of Washingtonians, who had run up to have a pleasant day with our "merry, merry maidens and the boys." The whole party then proceeded to a beautiful grove over the river where we spent a few hours very pleasantly. Quite a number of the best people of Annapolis came to the grove and added to our pleasure. At 5 o'clock the excursionists left the grove, many going to the Navy Academy to witness the drill, others embracing the opportunity to take an hour's sail on the placid bosom of the picturesque Severn.

We commenced our homeward voyage at 7 o'clock after many farewells and adieus to our many friends.

The Washington party and quite a number of the Annapolis folks returned with us to Baltimore. Among the clergy and strangers on board, we noticed the Revs. Perry, Vinton, Boston, Cranston and Qain, Messrs. Fleetwood and Matthews of Washington, Miss Robinson of New York, and Mrs. Marsh of Mass. Much credit is due the committee for the pleasure of that day. No liquor was allowed on board and indeed everything conducive to serenity, pleasure and enjoyment offered. It is the unanimous wish that it be repeated.

Last Sunday afternoon was Children's Day at the Madison Street Presbyterian Church. The exercises were both very interesting and entertaining, reflecting credit upon all concerned. Crowds of visitors came from other churches to witness and enjoy the delightful service. The beautiful church looked lovely in its own right, the floral ornaments arranged with a delicate taste which carefully avoided the too frequent mistake of over profusion. There was wealth of growing verdure covered with bloom and the air was heavy with the perfume of flowers. Pots of growing callalilies supported on either side, hyacinths and lilacs formed a beautiful base for a mass of flowers; harmoniously blended beautiful wreaths of similar hyacinths, geraniums and rose buds were suspended from the many gas brackets around the room, while the large centre candelabra was one vast pyramid of heliotropes, lilacs and fuschias.

As Mr. Johnson, the organist placed himself before the organ in the gallery, Mr. Dunny, the chorister, occupied a similar position before a smaller organ just in front of the altar, the children numbering 325 with one united voice sang "Come." Never before did the children sing so well or more heartily. The concert playing of the two organs was much enjoyed and highly commended. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Johnson of B. C. Hedger and Elders Plymmer, Miss Anna Montague of your city is here on a visit to her cousins, the Misses Sythe. P. E. N.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

BY C. HOWARD JOHNSON.

(Fete Champetre.)

On Thursday, July 12th, the Philadelphia Caterer's Association gave their annual picnic at Saenger Park. The Park was open about 10 o'clock and from that time until late in the afternoon the guests continued to arrive, of whom there were about three hundred. Dancing, driving, shooting and other enjoyments was the order of the day.

About 3 o'clock p. m. the guests forming in line were conducted to the table which was groaning under the delicacies of the season Mr. J. B. Matthews, chairman, gave the order that "every man should help himself and the association would help all," which was carried out to the letter. After lunch which lasted about an hour, the guests dispersed for a moment.

Among those present were Miss Dora Cole, Dr. R. Cole, Misses Henry Potter, Anna Layton, S. Green, Emma Ryder, Dolly Butler and Lydia Smith. Mesdames Jas. Tobias, Smith A. F. Stevens, Green, Wood, Blake, Johnson, Jones, Williams, and Madame Selika and Messrs. Wood, Page, Price, Jones, Lewis, Baptiste, Jas. Hill, Edw. Hill, Wm. and Joe Morris, Andrew F. Stevens, Dr. Howard, Prosser, J. L. Jenkins, L. Potter, H. Price, Williams, Randolph, Lewis, S. Williams, S. Blake, Frank Johnson, Frank Jones, Jr., Judah, E. Green, and many others. This association was formed in 1876 for aid and protection of the Caterer's interests. It is now in a flourishing condition having for members nearly if not quite all of prominent caterers of Philadelphia. The day was one of joy.

WORKINGMEN'S CLUB.

The workingmen's Club have removed their quarters from the old club house to 434 South 11th street. The new house being very near twice as large as the old one. On Monday last the new Club was opened by literary exercises. Rev. Dr. Reeve opened with prayer. Rev. Phillips then gave the condition and purpose of the Club and closed by speaking of a co-operative store; he then introduced Miss F. M. Jackson who spoke in a very fine manner. Miss J. has for the last several years tried to get the people of this city to start a co-operative store and at last her wish promises to be fulfilled. Miss C. LeCount gave some of her select readings. Dr. Reeve also gave minutes. After this was done the members turned to the room above where were served. Among those

present were Messrs. Levi Cromwell, Foster, and Ross; Mrs. Phillips, Dr. Cole, R. Hebron, Misses Nelly and Phoebe Harvey and other well known ladies and gentlemen.

FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fraternal Association gave a grand banquet at Masonic Hall on Tuesday night last. After having indulged in an ample repast, toasts were the order of the evening.

The first was, "The day we celebrate, the birthday of the Fraternal Association hallowed in the memory of her loyal sons by reason of the eventful circumstances which called her into being. May she never falter in her efforts to practically illustrate the principles we hold so dear" was answered by Mr. Main, the last toast was to the memory of our fallen comrades, peace to their ashes, and was answered in silence. Interspersed between these, were other toasts which were responded by prominent gentlemen present.

Scott's Sunday school gave a strawberry festival last week on Wednesday and Thursday evenings; the attendance was very good.

Central Sunday school in this year's excursion goes to a new place called Alnwick Park, July 10th. Tickets are, Adults 40 cents, Children 20 cents.

We call the attention of our friend to notice in local column pertaining to complimentary tickets.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

[To the People's Advocate:] Having been here some little time I have taken it upon myself to write a letter of some of the doings of this great city. There were two grand concerts at Steinway Hall by the talent of the city with Madam Selika in the lead. I heard they were good but poorly attended. Among the Washingtonians here are Mr. Charles Douglas, Gerrit S. Loguen, Sherman W. Lewis and madam who I understand are over in Brooklyn. Nicholas Colbert passed through the city en route for Boston yesterday, your humble servant doing the honors of a farewell.

Last evening I was overhauled by our friend G. W. Hardmond and some others of the boys and taken out to see the sights by gaslight, not even having time to consult my toilet. I was suddenly ushered into Chickering Hall to the combination concert under the auspices of the G. U. O. of O. F. for the benefit of Southern refugees to Kansas. It is sufficient to say I was agreeably entertained, the programme being long and general. Mr. W. F. Craig's violin solo was good though I did not fancy his selection.

Miss Eveline Williams and Mr. Kie's reading showed some ability. Madams Aldridge and Mangin, Miss Abbie Wright and Miss Fisher deserve mention. Mr. Barr Edward's bass took well. Mr. Manuel Baxtalle's cornet solo, Lizzra Polka was executed with some degree of familiarity and his variations commendable. With proper instructions he could be made a competitor with Levy.

Madam V. A. Montgomery held the audience spell-bound in her organ voluntary, Nearer my God to Thee. Mr. W. H. Anderson took the house down in his comic song, "New York by Gaslight." The audience showed their appreciation by flowers in profusion. I enjoyed myself much and more so on returning homeward with one of Washington's former fair angels on my arm. Tonight at the young men's Christian Association rooms a discussion takes place; Subject: whether "Hannibal was a Negro or not." Being satisfied in worrying your patience, I bid you adieu.

STRANGE

THE JULY ATLANTIC

opens with a story of Newport, "Massy Sprague's Daughter," one of the powerful and brilliant short stories for which "The Atlantic" is distinguished. Mr. Warner Dunster has a very interesting description of "The People for whom Shakespeare wrote," concluding with Erasmus' account of a kissing custom which has unfortunately passed away. Col. Wang contributes an important paper on "Recent Medications in Sanitary Drainage," which should be read by everybody who builds, owns, rents or occupies a house. Gen. C. C. Andrews gives the significant results of a thorough study of "Our Commerce with Cuba, Porto Rico and Mexico," an article which cannot fail to interest our alert business men. Edward Everett Hale, under the title "A Possibility from the Tertiary," gives an account of the famous Ph Beta Kappa Society. Four more chapters of "Irene the Missionary" bring the hero and heroine into very interesting relations. Richard Grant White describes "English Skies," H. H. has a sonnet on "Avalanche," H. H. Boyesen a poem on Juno Ludovisi; J. J. Platt, one on "The Children Cut of Doors;" and Maurice Thompson sings "The Morning Hills." A rich melody in the Contributors' Club, notices of several new books, and a sketch of the character of the Reports of Dr. Eliot, Superintendent of Boston Schools, conclude a very good, readable number of "The Atlantic."

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—Mrs. Syphax's sudden death is generally deplored.

—Hon. James Lewis, Naval Officer of New Orleans, and Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, F. A. Masons has been visiting this city on business connected with the Spofford-Kellogg case.

—Go to Julius Lansburgh, the popular carpet man, 421 7th st. for straw matting. Price —Next Tuesday St. John's Day, will be celebrated with proper festivities, by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. The procession will form at Masonic Hall 11th, st. and Penn. Ave. about 11 o'clock a. m., and march through the principal street to Gales' Woods.

—It is the Young Men's Christian Association of the District of Columbia, and not of Union Bethel Church that hold meetings each Sabbath afternoon at the corner of 20th, and L sts. n. w. We misnamed this association in our last issue. L. Brodie in the course of his remarks, advised a consolidation of the two associations, for more united and effective work. Plans are now on foot to bring about a consolidation.

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—The funeral of Miss Hester Savage late a teacher in the Ebenezer A. M. E. Sunday School Georgetown, and member of the above church took place Tuesday afternoon. The deceased died in the triumph of faith leaving a clear testimony of a glorious hope in immortality. A few days before her departure she wrote a poem beginning, "She thought it was a river, but it was nothing but a brook," in which her simple faith was clearly exemplified. This poem was read at the funeral services, and made a powerful impression on those present. Among the floral tributes were a harp of flowers by the school, and a cross by Miss M. E. Tilghman. The pastor officiated, Mr. J. C. Beckett, her superintendent also made a few remarks. *Requiescat in pace.*

A grand picnic will be given Friday July 4th, 1879, under the auspices of the Fifth Baptist church, at Kelle's Woods 7th. st. Rev. J. H. Brooks, Pastor.

—The statement is made (officially) that Wm. T. Given, 1104 12th street is selling those splendid "Nickie" cigars, all long Havana filler, at 4 cents each. They are all the rage. See his advertisement.

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—Mrs. J. H. Smyth leaves for Harper's Ferry next week.

—Of the Drawing, Exhibition, exercises at Hillsdale and the school near Howard University, more anon.

—Mr Morgan the valedictorian at Miner has oratorical ability of a high order.

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—The "school marm's" have now their season of rest, and they deserve it too.

—We could not get around to all the examinations—fact is, we did not know when and where they took place until too late.

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Miner Normal School.

Tuesday night the Commencement Exercises of this school took place in the presence of a large audience. After music by Messrs. Alston, McKinney (father and son), Rev. John Brooks of the 5th. Baptist Church offered prayer. The programme was as follows:

Hymn—by C. G. Morgan, sung by the school; Essay—Whatsoever a Man Soweth that also shall he Reap, by Arthur T. Brown; Essay—Motives appealed to by Teachers, by Miss Mary E. Strather; Song—Walk in Love, by Miss M. E. McKinney, sung by the school; Essay—Children's Rights, by Henry A. Minor; Essay—The Duties and Responsibilities of a Normal School Scholar, by Miss M. E. McKinney; Hymn, by Arthur T. Brown, sung by the school; Essay—How shall we Develop in Our Scholars the Love for the Beautiful? by Raphael W. Hewlett; Music; Essay—How shall we Train the Moral Character of Our Scholars? by A. S. Ferguson; Song, by H. A. Minor; Essay—Qualities of a Teacher, by Miss Sophia A. Brodie; Music; Valedictory Address, by Clement G. Morgan; Parting Song, by S. A. Brodie, sung by the school; Presentation of Candidates for Graduation, by the teacher; Awarding of Diplomas by Marshal Douglass, who made few remarks.

As this is the first Graduation Class from this Institution, the audience was inclined to be somewhat critical, and compared the exercises with those of the High School. It was the unanimous opinion that worse singing could hardly be rendered, even by brevet amateurs; but it should also be remembered that at those of the Preparatory High School the services of teachers and ex-graduates are invariably called in.

The people expect to hear good singing and they should either hear it or none at all. The essays were not rendered in as spirited, and lively a manner as was desirable. Evidently the class had not been well trained in the arts of oratory; in other respects the exercises were highly creditable; there was no attempt at spread-eagle, display of scholarship or profound insight; no indulgence in high flown language, the flowers of rhetoric were not gaudily strewn; but the productions exhibited deep earnestness, originality of thought, mental discipline, and capacity for grasping the practical duties of school life; while they might not adorn the drawing room of life, the graduates seemed fully prepared to do valuable service in the honorable vocation of teaching; and as the need for the latter kind of ability is the more urgent, their graduation is an event worthy of special notice.

A Visit to Sabbath Schools.

Last Sunday I thought I would visit the three Sunday Schools in the vicinity of "Hell's Bottom," so passing out Rhode Island avenue, I was soon near the circle park, at the intersection of Rhode Island and Vermont avenues, P and Q streets. How this part of the city has been transformed by grand and beautiful mansions occupied by men of means, so that standing near this circle you may wonder in which direction you will go to find the place I have named above! I visited the place several years ago with committees of the Y. M. C. A., visiting those haunts of wickedness by request, going into miserable dens to see men who had given up all hope of life and who would know of that which they had so often refused, and also to hold out-door meetings. Stopping into the FIFTH BAPTIST CHURCH,

(better known as John Brooks' church,) Vermont ave. and Q street, I found a large school in session. The school was having responsive readings conducted by the superintendent who afterward, baton in hand, led the school in singing; the little ones read and sung well, which pleased me much. Indeed I was much pleased with all I saw, for I could not know what to expect, never having heard anything of the school.

The superintendent has had charge of the school for eight years and seems deeply interested in the work. The school has been organized since 1865 and holds two sessions; the afternoon, being devoted to singing; has a larger attendance than the morning; it has 17 teachers, 250 scholars, and studies the International lessons, using the Journal and Berean Leaf; also the Union Spelling book and alphabetical chart.

The officers are Henry S. Washington, superintendent; Geo. W. McWill, assistant superintendent; Carter B. Braxton, secretary; Mrs. Mary E. Scott, treasurer; Mr. Calvin D. Johnson, organist. Passing on to the

FOURTH BAPTIST CHURCH,

on R bet. 12th and 13th streets, I found an interesting little school and every one busy as bees in a hive; but so quiet that you might not know until you entered, that so many little ones were present. Teachers and scholars seemed deeply interested in their work; never have I seen more interest manifested, and how earnest the teachers all seemed in their work of instructing, and most wonderful to say, you 'll hardly want to believe it. The male teachers outnumbered the females.

The school is about 10 years old; has 18 teachers; 100 scholars with an average attendance of 150, and this I could believe when I am informed that all the teachers are regular in attendance. The International Lessons are studied; the school using the paper named "The Baptist Teacher;" infant class is taught from the "National School Tablet."

The officers are Chas. S. Bailey, superintendent; John H. McDowell, assistant superintendent; Robt. Johnson, Jr., secretary; Henry Armstrong treasurer; Wm. H. Jordan, organist; Chas. Lewis, librarian; Jas. Wiley,

chorister. From this school to

Mt. Pisgah.

The school has been organized for 15 years; has 16 teachers, 228 scholars; studies the International Lesson, using the Journal and Berean Leaf and the church Catechism.

The officers of the school, are Jas. Davis superintendent; Mrs. L. J. Forris, assistant superintendent; Richard Hinderson, a secretary; E. R. Russell, treasurer; Miss Anna Smoot librarian; Miss Isabella Johnson, leads in the singing and is organist.

In the event of Mrs. Dorsey leaving for Texas, the school loses one of its best workers. Mrs. Ferris, the assistant female superintendent for this is the name given in the law of the church, I found still at her post where for years she has been constant and earnest; would that the school could have had men as devotedly attached to the cause as the two ladies named.

Passing from this school to 14th street, I could readily see that there was great need of Missionary and the Christian Association to gether in the many children I saw into streets; also, men and women, into churches. To give a sample of the regularity of the attendance upon the house of God; I heard a woman call and other a cross the street and say "I don't wonder you are surprised, for this is the second time in five years I have been to church? when will we awake and keep awake to the necessities of the race."

NORFOLK NOTES.

—The officers of Rising Sun Lodge No 2 A. F. & A. Masons were installed at their ball on Queen St. on Monday night last. J. C. Wilson, W. M.; Samuel Kelley, S. W.; Archer Scott, J. W.; Andrew Gatewood, Treas.; J. E. Edwards, Sect'y.

—The Norfolk County Court is busily engaged, in trying the case of Wm. H. Stewart, democrat, against E. Spaulding republican, in a contest, Spaulding holding the certificate, but who will hold the office, is an open question; however, the Republicans anticipate the result in their favor.

—The Grand Lodge of Good Samaritans, held their annual sitting, in the Bute St. Baptist church on last week, and elected Mr. Edward Clayton of this city, as Grand Chief of the order in Virginia.

—A mass meeting was held by a few Republicans last week, and undertook to do ward business, by electing in mass the regular ward committee. However the third ward can boast of two captains on that committee, Capt. Wm. H. Mills, and Capt. Creasy formerly of Yorktown.

—The funeral of Mr. R. J. Happer, took place from the Bute St. Baptist church, on Sunday last, and was quite largely attended. Mr. Happer was a non-commissioned officer in company G, of first U. S. Cavalry, and during the war was much loved by his comrades, he was quarter master sergeant of that company, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged.

—We have the best grounds for stating, that concerning the Bank st. church troubles, Mr. Fuller makes no claim for salary or service, but demands a receipt for the records, when he surrenders them. The demand for a receipt seems reasonable, and it should not be denied him.

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Special prizes were awarded to N. Snare, Mystic, Brig, and G. Olden.
To-day closes time for competition; next week we will mention name and number of puzzles.

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Eagle Eye, your excellent batch appeared; we were sorry for being so hasty; you stand a show for prize.

Ironides, your last is in; found this in the bottom of our drawer; we wait for more.

Mystic, your promised "cons" have not arrived yet; why so long?

N. Snare, for a young poser you are very good; if you keep on the professionals will have to look for their laurels.

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